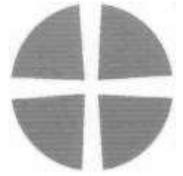


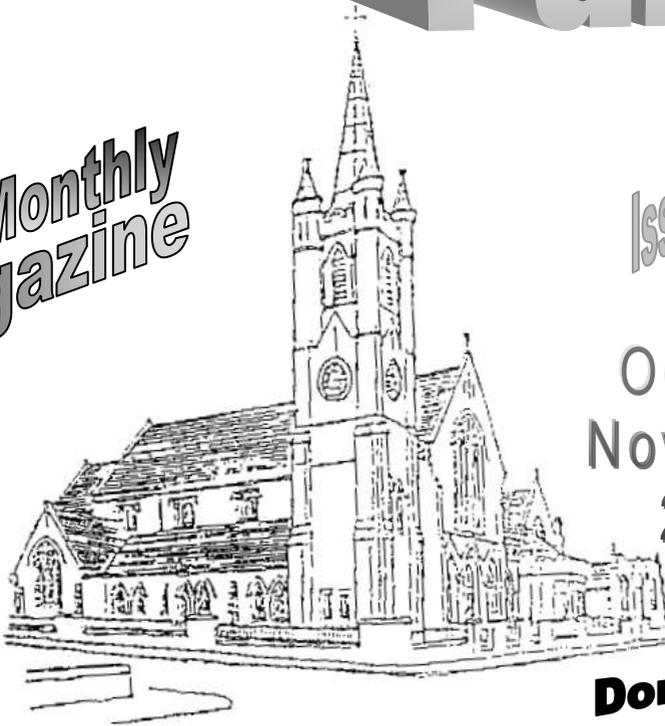
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Rev. Rosemary Nash

From the Minister's Study

Dear Friends,

It's impossible to turn the television on these days without seeing crowds of people on the move, or hearing news of the latest tragedy be it a hurricane or an earth quake. In the last couple of weeks we have seen pictures of the migrations caused by floods in India and America as well as thousands of people fleeing from Burma into Bangladesh.

Our hearts have surely been moved at the pictures of the devastations caused by Irma and Maria as they have bulldozed their path through so many communities. Only this morning we have awoken to the news of the dreadful earthquake in Mexico, and terrible power shortages in Puerto Rico.

However something more worries me, as these events slip from the news to be replaced by the latest power struggle in parliament, it seems to get harder and harder to keep the human dimension of these tragedies alive. For so many people the challenge of restoration has barely begun but the world has moved on. Or so it seems.

And yet, I believe it's important for us all to dig deep and to keep the human cost of these tragedies uppermost in our minds.

This came home to me a few years ago when I was working alongside a group of asylum seekers and refugees. I was part of a team whose role was to welcome the stranger and support those who had arrived in our town, often at the very end of their strength and hope.

I remember trying to engage someone in conversation. But what do you say to such people? I remember one woman particularly – hunched on one of our chairs, a child asleep in lap, her face drained of life, her body language resistant to interference by the likes of people like me.

I asked her name. That seemed safe enough. She muttered something but I failed to understand. I repeated my question and, this time, I got it right. "Mariam," I said and, at that, a miracle occurred. Just hearing someone utter her name, the life came rushing back into her face, her eyes sparkled, she told me off for being so deaf the first time, we shared the joke. Someone who, to all intents and purposes, was dead had come alive again.

I think of Mariam and others, every time I see displaced people on the move or those waiting for news of missing loved ones. And I

remember a word of Jesus too: each time you respond to the needs of anyone in distress, - the homeless, the hungry, people in prison, - you're right on the button and in tune with what I'm all about; it's as if you were doing it for me.

I thank God for all the work of "All we can" and all the other agencies who seek to bring order and relief out of devastation chaos, may we do all we can too.

May this prayer from Mother Teresa be ours too,

In Christ,

Rosemary X

*Lord, open our eyes
that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.*

*Lord, open our ears
that we may hear the cries of the hungry,
the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.*

*Lord, open our hearts
that we may love each other as you love us.*

Renew in us your spirit.

Lord, free us and make us one. Amen



October November



**Autumn days; colourful woods;
Falling leaves; harvest foods;
All God's gifts to our life on earth;
heaven itself will be twice the worth.**

Poetry Corner

*Christ yesterday, today, forever;
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.*

*He the Alpha and Omega;
Source of life, and life's reward.*

Life he heals; and life sustaining

*He embraces all in love;
lifts the world to highest heaven,
walks in death his love to prove.*

*Christ is risen, Christ is here,
with us now in time and place:
blessing this and every moment
with his peace and plenteous grace.*

May 2000

Sam Doubtfire.



10 SECOND SERMONS:

*Never let yesterday use up too
much of today.*

Will Rogers

Letter to Mary

14th September 2017

Hi everyone,

Well my annual garden open night on the night of Thursday 20th July this year went off very well. Even though the weather had been mixed that week, we were lucky to have a few hours of fine weather to open the two yards (mine and neighbour Vickie's) in Vale Street and entertain everyone who came. Together with donations and a few extra with cash for clothes I ended up paying in £150 to the church funds.

The annual summer club for the children we held at the church hall under the name of Ancora Treasure Seekers went very well. As usual the drama which we acted at the end of every morning session before the children went home was exciting for them and us. The leaders were pleased with the way the children's imaginations got them involved in it. Five mornings flew over. Starting with filling in work books and making models, stopping for fruit and juice drinks, then singing the club songs and having exercises and dancing and ending with the drama. I can't believe we've been doing this for six years now.

Our church building needed a good cleaning before Rosemary (our new minister) came to join us in September. Five weeks were spent trying to get it looking clean and tidy. This was finished by clearing all around the outside of the building, picking up the litter and weeding inside the outer walls. We found it hard to walk home after each session, but the place looks good now, hopefully the litter louts will respect the building in the future.

We all enjoyed a wonderful circuit service which welcomed Rosemary and her husband to our church. It was a rare sight but lovely to see our church full again. We enjoyed welcoming other church members to our evening service on 3rd September. The meeting rooms were buzzing with the chatter and laughter of people weaving about to find a seat after the service.

Phil came to our house on 5th September, to damp proof our front room. It had been a mammoth task to get rid of the clutter from the room and clear the front garden into other house fronts in the street while we got the work done. The plaster on the affected parts of the inside walls has been removed. Outside, the rendering around the base of the bay window has also been removed. The damp proofing material has been applied and we are awaiting the plasterer to come to complete the re-plastering of the walls to finish the job. Hopefully this will be done next week, weather permitting. In the meantime, Rob has started stripping the wallpaper in the room in preparation for redecorating.

The 25 years Celebration Show is nearly upon us (29th and 30th September) and things are getting pretty tense. It was lovely to see Rosemary at our rehearsal this week, so at least we had one audience member to perform to. Will we be ready in time? Will we all have costumes? Will everyone be healthy to come? Will we get enough practice in? Who knows? Oh well as the saying goes “it’ll be alright on the night.”

We were so proud of our Annabel last Saturday. She was in the Great North Run Children’s Race at Newcastle Quayside. She did it in 9 minutes, a really good effort for a 6 year old. On Sunday she was fine but her mother who ran with her was shattered from the effects of Saturday’s effort. It was Annabel that made me win a swimmer of the month award at Thornhill School and woman of the year at Slimming World at St. Gabriel’s on Thursday mornings. She is such an inspiration.

Well, I’ll have to sign off now so I can get some more singing practice done.

Bye for now,
Lots of love,

June

xxxxx

Celebrations

Those people celebrating during the months of October and November include:

Birthdays

October

10th Kathleen Carter
20th John Carter
23rd Wendy Dillarstone



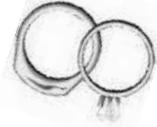
November:

13th Olive Bevan

Wedding Anniversaries

October:

7th Elma & Melvyn Morgan



November:

None Known



Can we celebrate your special day too? All you have to do is fill in the form and place them in the gold box at the back of the Church; spare forms to fill in are on the side of the box.



IF IT IS TO BE IT IS UP TO ME
THE TEN MOST IMPORTANT 2 LETTER WORDS
IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Puzzle 1

1. Pick a three-digit number – any three-digit number, so long as all the digits are different, e.g. 123
2. Reverse your numbers to make a new, second number.
3. Take the smaller three-digit number from the larger one.
4. Now, take the answers and reverse those digits to give a fourth number.
5. Add together these two new numbers.
6. Then, subtract 3×13 .
7. Divide the result by 14.

What number are you left with?



Puzzle 2

Peter accepted a challenge to climb to the top of a fireman's pole that was 12 metres tall. He could climb at a rate of 1 metre per minute, but slipped back 1 metre during every minute that he rested. He went from top to bottom by repeatedly climbing for 3 minutes then resting for 1 minute. How long did it take him to climb to the top?

(Answers on page 14)

Pause for Thought ..

In Pastures Green.

In pastures green?

Not always; sometimes He

Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me

In weary ways where heavy shadows be;

Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright,

Out of the sunshine into darkest night

I oft would faint with sorrow and affright,

Only for this - I know he holds my hand,

So whether in a green or desert land,

I trust Him, though I do not understand.

And by still waters?

No, not always so;

Oft times the heavy tempest round me blow,

And over my soul the waves and billows go,

But when the storm beats loudest and I cry

Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,

And whispers to my soul, 'Lo: it is I.'

Above the tempest wild I hear Him say:

'Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day,

In every path of thine I lead the way.'

*So, whether on the hilltop high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valley where
The shadows lie, what matter? He is there,
Yea, more than this, where'er the pathway lead
He gives to me no helpless, broken reed,
But His own hand sufficient for my need.
So where'ere He leadeth I can safely go;
And in the blest Hereafter I shall know
Why, in His Wisdom: He hath led me so.*

(Author unknown)



Prayer Time



“Acquire the habit of speaking to God as though you were along with God.

Speak with familiarity and confidence as to your dearest and most loving friend.

Speak of your life, your plans, your troubles and joys, your fears.

In return, God will speak to you – not that you will hear audible words in your ears, but words that you will clearly understand in your heart.”

Alphonsus Liquori
(1696 – 1787)



Time for Reflection

The Bible

"The Bible tells one story with consistency. It was written over a 1,500-year time span, on three continents, and by 40 authors people from every walk of life, like kings, shepherds, fishermen, and tax collectors. Yet the Bible tells one story from beginning to end: God's love and salvation for man and how he came into this world through Jesus Christ. It's an amazing example of the power of God to write that story for our lives."

Rick Warren



Now for some funnies ...

What do we want?

Low flying aeroplane noises!

When do we want them?

NNNNEEEEEEOOOOOOOWWWWWWWW



Two men meet on opposite sides of a river. One shouts to the other, "I need you to help me get to the other side."

The other guy replies, "You are on the other side!"



I couldn't work out why the ball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me!



I bought the world's worst Thesaurus yesterday. Not only is it terrible, it's terrible!



How do you get two whales in a car?
Start in England and drive West.



What's orange and sounds like a parrot?
A carrot



A blind man walks into a bar ... and a chair ... and a table.



A mother called her son on Sunday morning to make sure he got out of bed and was ready for Church. "I'm not going," he replied.

"Yes, you are going, so get out of that bed!" his mother demanded.

"Give me ONE good reason why I should go," said her son.

"I'll give you THREE good reasons. ... One; I'm your mother and I say you're going ... two; you are 40 years old, so you're old enough to know better ... and three; you're the minister, so you need to be there!"



Thanks to Greg Ballou

02-27-2006

WHY ARE YOU SO SPECIAL THAT YOU AND ONLY YOU KNOW WHEN THE END IS NEAR, HUH?

Answers

Puzzle 1: 75

Puzzle 2: 22 minutes



Diary Dates

Preachers at Burn Park for October & November:

October	November
1 st Mr. Malcolm Muir	5 th Mrs. Joyce Howe
8 th Mr. Jim Kirkland	12 th Mrs. Suzy Wake
15 th Rev. Michael Holland	19 th Mr. Peter Allan-Robson
22 nd Rev. Rosemary Nash Sacrament	24 th Rev. Rosemary Nash
29 th Rev. Tom Patton	

Important Dates to note around and about:

Thu 5 Oct: 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Bethany Christian Centre, Houghton, Christians Against Poverty Church Partnership Day

Sat 7 Oct: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Brunswick Methodist Church: Diggin for Treasure preaching conference: £25

Sat 7 Oct: 3 p.m.: Whitburn: MWiB Beetle Drive
 Mon 9 Oct: 7:15 p.m.: Burn Park: Church Council meeting
 Fri 13 Oct: 7 p.m.: Whitburn Parish Hall: Living Way 5th Birthday: £10
 Sat 14 Oct: 2 – 3 p.m.: Whitburn: Band Substance Concert: £3
 Sat 14 Oct: 4 – 6 p.m.: Roker: Messy Church
 Tue 17 – Fri 20 Oct: 7:15 p.m.: Lubetkin Theatre: Murton Theatre Group's "Fiddler on the Roof": £8 or £10
 Thu 19 Oct: 10:30 a.m.: High Southwick: Coffee, Prayer, Care & Share
 Fri 27 Oct: 7 a.m.: meet at Bede Tower: Prayer for the City
 Sat 28 Oct: 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Marley Potts field: Free football tournament
 Sun 29 Oct: 6 p.m.: Castletown: Circuit Service
 Sat 4 Nov: 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Chester-le-Street Methodist Church: ECG: A Heart of the North East, one day event
 Sat 11 Nov: 4 – 6 p.m.: Roker: Messy Church
 Fri 17 Nov: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.: Enon Baptist Church: Revolution Youth Event
 Tue 21 – Fri 24 Nov: Seaham Town Hall: Vane Tempest Theatre Group's "Around the World in 80 Days": £8 or £6
 Sun 26 Nov: 6 p.m.: Ewesley Road: Circuit Service
 Thu 30 Nov: 10:30 a.m.: Burn Park: Coffee, Prayer, Care & Share

*For more details about these and other events,
 please see your weekly printed notices or Circuit Plan*



If you have any notices to be published,
 or articles for the next magazine,
 please contact Suzy or Phil Wake at Church,
 Tel: **5226257**, by e-mail on WaSus654@aol.com,
 or at 119, Tunstall Rd, by 9 p.m. Thursday.

BURN PARK CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Burn Park Methodist Church exists to worship God,
and make the Love of Jesus known, in our welcome,
outreach, and care for all.

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Regular Events at this Church:

Sunday

10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship & Sunday Club
6.00 p.m.	Churches Together Drop-In for Homeless people

Tuesday

11.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	Lunch Club
1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. (1 st & 3 rd weeks in the month only)	Women Together
7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Park Productions

Thursday

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee@Burn Park
1.00 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.	Stroke Club
6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts

Friday

9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Toddlers Group
7 p.m.	Young Asian Voices

Saturday

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon	Coffee Mornings (3 rd week of month)
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To book rooms for an event,
please contact Melvyn Morgan on Tel: 5251930.

